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Theodor Herzl. Help me to re-
build the Jewish State.' Since
that day he has gone from mir-
acle to miracle—from impossi-
bility to impossibility. What a
figure he might have made upon
the stage of European politics,
he who could create the politics
of a State unborn! And how did
the majority of the Jews receive
him? They said Israel was too
scattered and torn for any com-
mon action—and he gathered to-
gether a Congress from the four
corners of the earth. They said
that the Congress was all empty
talk—and he established a Bank
and a Trust. They said that the
poor would lose their money—
and the Trust paid a dividend.
They said, 'You are making Zi-
onism a sordid, material thing,
a thing of money'—and 300,000
shareholders refused the divi-
dend. They said, 'But what is
the use of the money? The Sul-
tan will not treat with you.' And
the Sultan made Herzl his guest
of honor, and had the practical
men been at Herzl's back the
charter would have been ours.
They said, 'Oh, but the Sultan
wants money; no solid Power
will consider you.' And lo! The
greatest empire on earth offered
him a soil for his ideas. They
say, 'But your ideals are lacking
in religious impulse'—and he
gave to Jewry the greatest spir-
itual impulse since the *Goluth*
began. He has saved and guid-
ed thousands of men and wo-
men who were drifting amid the
mists and cross currents of mod-
ern Jewish life.

"And while the Jews were
saying all this, what were the
others saying? The Pope, the
Catholic, said, 'My sympathies
go with you.' The German Em-

peror, the Protestant, said, 'To
me, as to you, it seems quite nat-
ural that the Jews should return
to Palestine.' The Sultan, the
Mussulman, said to his Minis-
ters, 'So, I picture to myself, the
Hebrew Prophet of Galilee must
have looked.' Mr. Chamberlain,
the Unitarian, on seeing a land
flowing with milk and honey,
said to himself, 'Here is a land
for Dr. Herzl.' M. de Plehve,
the Greek churchman, the man
of iron—what did Plehve say?
'Till Dr. Herzl came to me,' said
de Plehve to one of our Russian
friends, 'I did not know there
were Jews who did not crawl. I
have hitherto had to do only
with two classes of Jews—those
who came to beg I should not
do something against their com-
munity, and those who came to
beg I should do something for
themselves. But with Herzl
there was no fear and no favor.'
Think of that! Russia has six
millions of Jews, and till Herzl
came Plehve did not know the
Jew was not a crawling creat-
ure. Can we wonder that, as
Herzl passed through Russia,
passed fearlessly through that
land wherein our practical men
are forbidden to travel, our
brethren waited by thousands
at every station, as for the Mes-
siah? Are we not entitled to be-
lieve that if the Jews of the
world would stand upright like
Herzl, and ask the world for jus-
tice, nay, for Palestine itself, the
world would some day give us
both?

"All those terrible risks that
Zionism brings on the Jew are
the bogeys conjured up by cow-
ards afraid of their own shad-
ows. Zionism brings to the Jew
only the world's respect. The

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you what the Zionist peril is,
and why Jews shrink from Zion-
ism. Zionism is a terrible search-
light, searching out all that is
false and feeble in Jews and Ju-
daism. There are spiritual anti-
Zionists, but the great majority
of anti-Zionists are those who
have neither God above nor a
man's heart within. It may be
that Dr. Herzl's death will effect
more than even his life. Now—
at last—O, bitter mockery! he
will enter the synagogues, whose
preachers have been gagged by
purse-proud presidents, his name
will be mentioned respectfully,
if critically, to comfortable con-
gregations. I call upon them,
one and all, to make amends to
the dead for their derision of the
living, and to bury their anti-
Zionism in Herzl's grave. We,
too—we Zionists—have some-
thing to bury in Herzl's grave—
all that venom of factions and
foolish accusations which divid-
ed brother from brother and em-
bittered our leader's last days.
There are not two Zionisms;
there is only Zionism, the Zion-
ism that was laid down in Her-
zl's 'Judenstaat'—the Jewish
national idea, associated, indeed,
with Palestine by history and
tradition and the hope of gener-
ations, but even greater than
Palestine itself, since Palestine
without Jewish rights would be
the *Goluth*, the exile, in its most
mocking form. Palestine with-
out Jewish rights is already en-
joyed by some 100,000 Jews, and
what sort of a spectacle do they
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